

~~a blade head secured to a lowering device and comprising a blade head~~
housing having a chamber;

said blade head having a blade holding member;

a circular blade retained in said blade holding member;

an advancing device mounted in said blade head
housing;

said advancing device comprising an advancing piston rod and an advancing
piston actuating said advancing piston rod;

said advancing piston rod acting on said blade holding member for moving the
circular blade between a cutting position and a ready position;

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said advancing piston [pneumatically] actuated by a first pneumatic drive and
mounted and guided in said chamber;

a pressure spring acting on said advancing piston rod to press said advancing
piston rod into the ready position of the circular blade;

a pressing device for overcoming the force of the pressure spring acting on
the advancing piston rod during a cutting operation, said pressing device exclusively
loading said pressure spring in a direction of the cutting position of the circular blade;

~~said pressing device decoupled from said advancing piston rod.~~

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19. (Amended) A blade holder according to claim 18, wherein said
pressing device comprises a slide[,] engaging said pressure spring and [arranged
between] disposed proximate to said advancing device and the circular blade, and
further comprises a second pneumatic drive for actuating said slide.